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- DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

DIRECTOR, NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

SUBJECT: Security of Telephone Communications

The lack of widely available secure telephone capability continues to be a major deficiency in the national security posture of the United States. Despite our past efforts, sensitive information of our Government and its operations remains available to both potential adversaries and the criminal element due to our lack of telephone security. The development of the STU-III family of low cost, user friendly secure telephones offers us the opportunity to achieve adequate security for our telephone communications at a reasonable cost and with minimum user impact. The STU-III, employing the most advanced technology, will directly replace existing telephones and thus is essentially transparent in operation to a normal telephone instrument.

Deliveries of STU-III secure telephones are expected to begin in 1987. In order to implement the STU-III on a Government-wide basis as rapidly as possible, each Department and Agency is requested to conduct an immediate, comprehensive survey of their telephone security requirements, identifying all areas where classified or sensitive information is handled. This survey is to be completed and the results submitted to the National Manager for Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems Security, (Director, NSA) no later than 30 November 1985. The National Manager will provide any additional



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guidance required by the departments and agencies in conducting their surveys. Also, the National Manager will establish procedures for distribution of STU-III assets on a prioritized basis proportional to the overall stated requirements of each department and agency.

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